

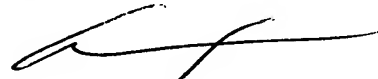
remain outstanding with respect to said claims, Applicants submit that claims 1-9 are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.35133CX7).

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